# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:113
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2016
Vocational Education in Schools
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any policy has been formulated to include employment oriented programmes, skill development and vocational education in the curriculum of the Central Board of Secondary Education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments with regard to skill and small vocational curriculum and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to include the employment oriented programmes in the school curriculum?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 113 FOR REPLY ON 02.05.2016 ASKED BY COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY REGARDING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

(a): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) offers various skill based vocational courses in its affiliated schools at secondary and senior secondary level. At present, 13 courses are offered at secondary level i.e. Class IXth onwards and 40 courses are offered at senior secondary level i.e. Class XIth and XIIth.

(b): Proposals for introduction of vocational education in secondary and senior secondary schools under the scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (VS&HSE) are received from the States/UTs. Till 2015-16, 3654 schools in 31 States/UTs have been approved under the scheme with coverage capacity of 7,30,800 students across 15 sectors including - Agriculture, Apparel, Automobile, Beauty & Wellness, Banking/Financial Services & Insurance, Construction, Health Care, IT & ITeS, Logistics, Media & Entertainment, Physical Education & Sports, Retail, Security, Telecom, Travel & Tourism.

(c): The Government is implementing the scheme of Vocationalisation of secondary and higher secondary education under the umbrella of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan from Class IXth onwards across the country. The scheme seeks to integrate vocational education with general academic education. The major aim of the scheme is to prepare educated, employable and competitive human resource for various sectors of the economy and the global market. The specific objectives of the scheme are to enhance the employability of youth through demand driven competency based, modular vocational courses; to fill the gap between educated and employable; and to reduce the dropout rate at the secondary level. It envisages close partnership with the industry in the design, development, delivery, assessment and certification of skills content. Under the scheme, curricula and courseware are prepared based on the National Occupation Standards issued by the respective Sector Skill Councils.
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